

## John 6:16-29 New Living Translation

### Jesus Walks on Water

**16** That evening Jesus' disciples went down to the shore to wait for him. **17** But as darkness fell and Jesus still hadn't come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum.

**18** Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough.

**19** They had rowed three or four miles[a] when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified,

**20** but he called out to them, "Don't be afraid. I am here![b]" **21** Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination!

### Jesus, the Bread of Life

**22** The next day the crowd that had stayed on the far shore saw that the disciples had taken the only boat, and they realized Jesus had not gone with them. **23** Several boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the Lord had blessed the bread and the people had eaten. **24** So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went across to Capernaum to look for him. **25** They found him on the other side of the lake and asked, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

**26** Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. **27** But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man[c] can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval."

**28** They replied, "We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?"

**29** Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent."

### Footnotes:

- a 6:19 Greek *25 or 30 stadia* [4.6 or 5.5 kilometers].
- b 6:20 Or *The 'I am' is here*; Greek reads *I am*. See [Exod 3:14](#).
- c 6:27 "Son of Man" is a title Jesus used for himself.

### Questions:

1. Why do you think the disciples were afraid when they saw Jesus walking on the water?
2. Share a time when you knew Jesus was telling you to trust Him and not be afraid.
3. What were the people of the crowd seeking from Jesus?
4. Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent."  
  
Explain what Jesus is saying to the people.
5. Have you put your trust in Jesus? How is this different from trying to do good works or be good enough to please God? Explain.